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SUBJ: TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND ISRAELI COUNTERMEASURES

1. SUMMARY. ADDITION TERRORIST INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURED IN JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK PAST FEW DAYS, AND ISRAELIS HAVE CONTINUED ROUNDING UP SUSPECTS. IDF SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED MAY 21 ARREST IN LATE MARCH OF 20 ALLEGED MEMBERS OF TERRORIST CELL IN BETHLEHEM-HEBRON AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST, SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGE THAT WENT OFF UNDER CAR MORNING OF MAY 22 IN BEIT AGRON PARKING LOT IN DOWNTOWN WEST JERUSALEM WAS NINETHEENTH BOMB BLAST IN AREA IN PAST NINE DAYS. BLAST, HEARD BY CONGEN STAFF, COMPLETELY DESTROYED CAR. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ON MAY 20 ISRAELI TOURIST FROM TIBERIAS WAS STABBED AT OLD CITY'S DAMASCUS GATE. POST REPORTS HE WAS RELEASED AFTER TREATMENT AT HOSPITAL FOR THREE MINOR WOUNDS.

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3. JERUSALEM POST ALSO REPORTED FIRE ON MAY 21 IN SHU'AFAT (NORTHERN SUBURB OF JERUSALEM) WHICH DESTROYED TRUCK

OWNED BY ARAB RESIDENT. POLICE HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS INCIDENT AND MAY 14 DESTRUCTION OF ARAB-OWNED BUS BY JEWISH COUNTER-TERROR GROUP CALLED "TERROR AGAINST TERROR" (JERUSALEM 905). MAY 23 POST REPORTED ARAB KILLED PREVIOUS NIGHT WHEN CAR STRUCK MINE IN GILGAL AREA OF JORDAN VALLEY. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI RADIO, MINE EITHER SET BY TERRORISTS OR DATE FROM PRE-1967 JORDANIAN DAYS.

4. GOI SECURITY MEASURES TO STEM PRESENT RASH OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS HAVE RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY 75 ARRESTS OF WEST BANK RESIDENTS SINCE MAY 13 ACCORDING TO MAY 23 JERUSALEM POST. (WOULD APPEAR MANY MORE HAVE BEEN HELD BRIEFLY FOR QUESTIONING.) IN ADDITION TO 69 FROM JENIN, PRESS HAS REPORTED SIX "ACTIVE TERRORISTS" ARRESTED IN RAMALLAH AND "LARGE-SCALE CRACKDOWN" THROUGHOUT WEST BANK. GOI MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN LATE MARCH, ACCORDING TO IDF SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED IN MAY 22 PRESS, CAPTURED SABOTAGE MATERIAL AND ARRESTED TWENTY BETHLEHEM-HEBRON RESIDENTS ACCUSED OF MEMBERSHIP IN TERRORIST CELL. CELL, REPORTEDLY SUPPLIED WITH MATERIAL BY ISRAELI CITIZEN, ALLEGEDLY WAS AFFILIATED WITH PDFLP AND OPERATED ON ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS IN JORDAN. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MEMBERS DETAINED BEFORE CARRYING OUT THEIR PLANS.

5. LOCAL ARAB SOURCES INFORM US THAT ARRESTS INCLUDE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN LATE TEENS BELONGING TO WEST BANK TERRORIST GROUP CALLED POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT. THEY ALSO REPORT NUMBER OF LATE NIGHT VISITS IN PAST TEN DAYS TO BOARDING SCHOOLS BY POLICE TO ARREST ARAB STUDENTS. POLICE AND MILITARY MUCH IN EVIDENCE IN JERUSALEM. SECURITY FORCES MAKING FREQUENT USE OF TEMPORARY CHECKPOINTS INVOLVING THOROUGH SEARCHES OF ARAB VEHICLES AT ALL ENTRANCES TO JERUSALEM.  
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